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Ambassador of the United States of America
Dear Sir,

Welcome to our most dear timores Fatherland "irrigated" with the blood of thousands of innocent people murdered during all these years. In your person we greet one of the great american sons of those who in 1776 proclaimed to the world the rights of the man and of the citizen. Since the French philosophers' and politicians' declarations on human rights and from the American Declaration on many territories - in the communist colonies - got their independence. In fact, the Declaration of the Human Rights is fruit of that American Declaration of 1776 which found its sources in Rousseau.

Freedom is an universal natural right, to this law are bound all peoples, included the Timorese. Freedom of thought and worship guarantees to everybody the right to embrace his own religion and not to be disturbed or prosecuted because of his opinions. From freedom of thought we come to multiplicity of opinions, freedom of the press, freedom to meet and form political associations. *

Each people has the right to its existence based on the race, language tradition and way of life. The principle of nationality generated new nations in Asia and Africa. We remember the Conference of Bandung in Indonesia. *

The Movement of the 25th of April of 1974 opened the chance to emancipation to all portuguese overseas provinces, with the exception of East Timor, invaded by indonesian forces on December 7th. 1975, and integrated by military means into Indonesia. Since then Timorese never knew what are peace and freedom. Many civilians have been sent to concentration camps sited in Atauro, Cailaco, Aileu and Maliana. Many others have been murdered by the military in huge massacres. Famine and sickness put the majority of the timorese people in a situation of widespread starvation and death day after day, during years until now.

Indonesia ~~invaded~~ Kelompok pemuda melanggar East Timor with two ends in sight: to end with communism and to control the mineral richness of the timorese soil.

We do recognize that inside the structure of some political parties were some individuals with communist ideas. But they are no more alive. The military occupation of East Timor is illegal and it remains so, and there is no reason from this point of view of the first objective of the invasion, to Indonesia to stay on.

Concerning the second objective of the invasion - we have it proved by the very recent accord reached by Indonesia and Australia to jointly explore the Timor Gap mineral resources, signed on the air on the 11th of the last December. Timorese coffee one of the world's best quality, lost its name. It is "indonesian cofee" now. Timorese have been alienated from their own rights. The timorese famous sandalo is currently wiped out and shipped to Java . Subao marmer is being dug and smuggled to Java, coming out as "indonesian marmer".

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

After the Pastoral Visit of His Holiness the Pope John Paul II to East Timor the last 12th October, a lot of students have been capture many of them have been tortured to dig out informations. Many others sought refuge inside the Bishop's House at Lecidere. On the 5th of November the Indonesian military took them from the Bishop's House and put under interrogation and brutal beating. A lot of them after physical torture was allowed to leave the prisons. Others are still there at the KOREM, in the POLICE HEADQUARTERS and the MILITARY HEADQUARTERS of Colmera.

On the 15th of November of 1989, members of the Intelligence, of the 745 Batallion, the Military Police, the Public Security police and of the "Garnizun" of Dili launched well-armed an all-out assault of the Balide Schools complex. They directed the shots to the students and even a child of 5 to 6 years old was wounded. Many students were badly beaten, even with their rifles, and after that thrown up to stand-by load-trucks near the place.

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Our Children will not find a philosophy of values like goodness, beauty, honour. Instead they face day after day physical and cultural genocide, destruction and dishonour.*

This neo-colonization is rejected by the Timorese people. To counter it the indonesian government is carrying out a program - a crash program of brain-washing through the famous P-4. We Timorese try to react agains it, but we all have been silenced.

Decolonization means auto-determination and independence, not anexation. Decolonization means the right of every people to choose its own legitimate government.

Dear Mr. Ambassador, Honorable

We would like to ask you to be our intermediary to your government, the Senate and the Congress of the American People, for the liberation of our country from the javanese colonialism.

We ask you also as a faithful believer of the Declaration of the Human Rights to speak for us in the United Nations, for the liberation of our fatherland.

As a super-power, it is in the possibilities of the United States of America to endorse concrete actions towards a just and pacific solution of this already 15 year-long conflict, that is, to press on Indonesia to sit down at the table and start a political dialogue with the parties concerned, as it has been constantly called for by the Commander-in-Chief of the FALINTIL, Mr. Xanana Gusmão - which are Portugal and the representatives of the Timorese people. The solution cannot be a military one.

We really and anxiously hope for an international concern and intervention for a just and pacific solution granting an everlasting peace for East Timor and its people who wants to be free and independent like all other peoples in the world.

Thank you.
Long live Timorese National Unity!
Long live the heroic People of East Timor!

Dili, January 13th, 1990